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**TOOL FOR TREATING METALLIC  
COMPONENTS WITH A SYSTEM FOR  
MONITORING THE OPERABILITY, AND  
METHOD OF MONITORING THE  
OPERABILITY OF A TOOL**

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1. In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with the procedures of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609, attorneys for Applicants hereby bring the following references to the attention of the Examiner. The references are listed on the attached modified PTO Form No. 1449. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.
2. A copy of each patent, publication or other information listed on the modified PTO form 1449 is enclosed.

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**U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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						YES	NO
	41 07 093*	September 26, 1991	DE				X
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\* - Mentioned in specification.

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**OTHER DOCUMENTS**

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